



**UA/ASU Biomedical Campus Announcement**  
**Monday, August 9, 2004**  
**Governor's 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**

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Today is a very proud day for the state of Arizona. Two of America's finest public universities have teamed up to make one outstanding contribution to medicine, biomedical research, and the Arizona economy.

I am very pleased to announce that the University of Arizona and Arizona State University have entered into an historic agreement. They will collaborate to build a new biomedical teaching and research campus, which will include research laboratories as well as teaching facilities for the UofA colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, and the ASU College of Nursing.

This campus will be located in downtown Phoenix, which is becoming a growing center of biosciences research. As a result, Arizona will have an entirely new capability to conduct medical research and provide state-of-the-art training to students of medicine, nursing and pharmacy.

Working in collaboration with scientists at TGen, this joint campus will give Arizona a strong presence in the biomedical research arena, which will help attract more businesses and medical professionals to Arizona.

Ultimately, of course, this campus will offer better medical training for future doctors and nurses. And it will foster medical advances that will help generations to come live healthier lives.

All of this is possible because of an unprecedented partnership between ASU and the UofA.

In the old Arizona, it would have been unheard of for these two universities to collaborate on such a high level. They were seen as rivals, whose supporters once fought a pitched battle to see who would "win" ownership of a medical school. It was a rivalry that produced winners and losers.

In the new Arizona, rivalries are left in the athletic arenas. Teamwork and partnership are the order of the day. Presidents Likins and Crow have opened a new era of teamwork with this historic agreement, and this time there are no winners and losers – we're all winners.

I want to congratulate Peter Likins and Michael Crow for their courage to break from a century-old tradition of separate operations to create a dynamic new partnership, the whole of which is far greater than the sum of the parts.



They are creating a powerful catalyst to modernize Arizona's economy and improve the practice of medicine.

Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon is to be commended, as well. He has worked hard to ensure the Board of Regents that this new campus will have a good home in downtown Phoenix.

Finally, I want to thank Gary Stuart, President of the Arizona Board of Regents, for his diligence and creativity in forging this agreement. Regent Stuart, you have had vision and dogged determination to make this concept a reality, and the benefits of your work will be felt in Arizona for generations to come.